GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:653
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PATENTING OF DRUGS FORMULATIONS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governing Council of Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) has decided to patent the seven drugs/formulations pertaining to Rheumatoid Arthritis, Bronchial Asthma, Hepatitis Drancotiasis etc.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the diterpinoid anticancer compound derived from plants native to Kashmir Himalays was to be patented and the matter was pursued through the CSIR; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made with regard to these formulations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 653 FOR 11TH MAY, 2005

(a) & (b) The Governing Body of Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) in its 15th meeting held on 1st March, 1996, had resolved to get patents in respect of drugs, without specifying any number, found effective in different diseases. Accordingly, the Council filed applications for patent rights in respect of 7 drugs, namely, two each for Rheumatoid Artritis, Bronchial Asthma and infective hepatitis and one for Malaria through National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) in the year 2002. The patents have not been granted so far.

(c) & (d) The Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu, has jointly filed a preliminary patent application for the Diterpinoid anti-cancer compound derived from the folk lands of Kashmir along with the Regional Research Institute of Unani Medicine (RRIUM), Srinagar, in US and PCT on 28th March, 2003 and 27th March, 2003, respectively. The US application could not be pursued as the claimed compound had already been disclosed before the date of filing the patent application. No progress in respect of PCT application to obtain protection for Diterpine from the new source Lavatera Cachmeriania has been reported.